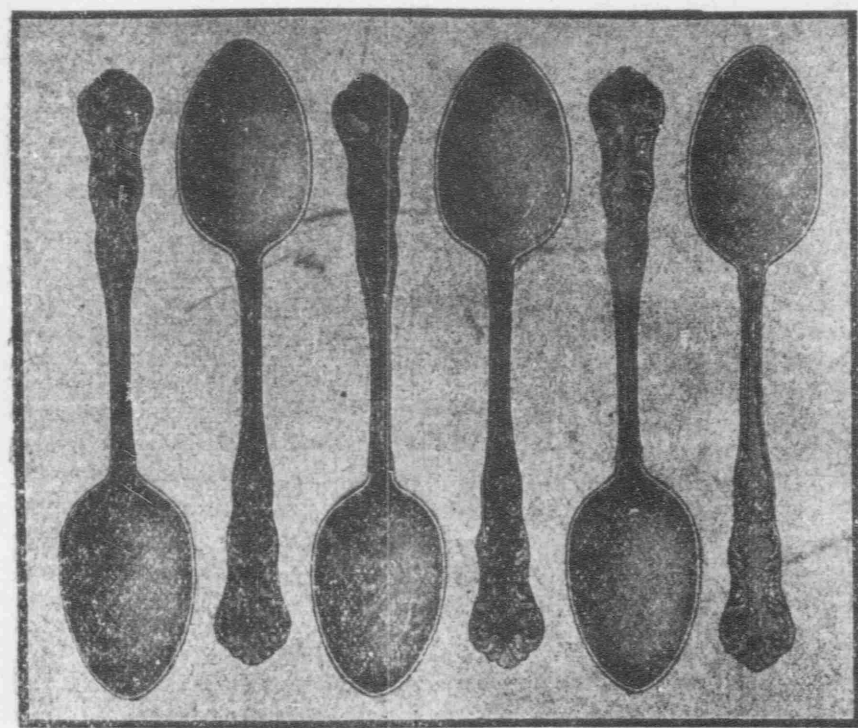


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Old Colonial Records Show Act Was Attempted in 1656—The Punishment.

It is not necessary to give up our pious faith in the superior political morality of our forefathers when we learn that even in the first generation of Bostonians was found a ballot stuffer.

The same record which reveals this break records also its instant repudiation and punishment. It was on the fourteenth day of January, 1655, 25 years after the settlement of Boston, according to the quaint records preserved of the king's chapel, that a referendum was held as to whether a part of the land should be alienated.

The old chronicle runs: "The Inhabitants proceeded to bring in their votes; and when the Selectmen were receiving 'em at the door of the Hall they observed one of the Inhabitants, viz., John Pigeon, to put in about a dozen with the word Yea wrote on all of 'em, being charged with so doing, he acknowledged it, and was thereupon Ordered by the Moderator to pay a Fine of Five Pounds for putting in the settlement of Boston as

according to the more than One Vote according to Law, and the Moderator thereupon declared to the Inhabitants that they must draw and bring in their Votes again in Manner as before directed, and the Inhabitants accordingly withdrew and the Votes being brought in and sorted it appeared that there were Four Hundred and two votes and that there was two hundred and five Yea and one hundred and ninety-seven Nays."—Boston Transcript.

BITTER WAS THE AWAKENING

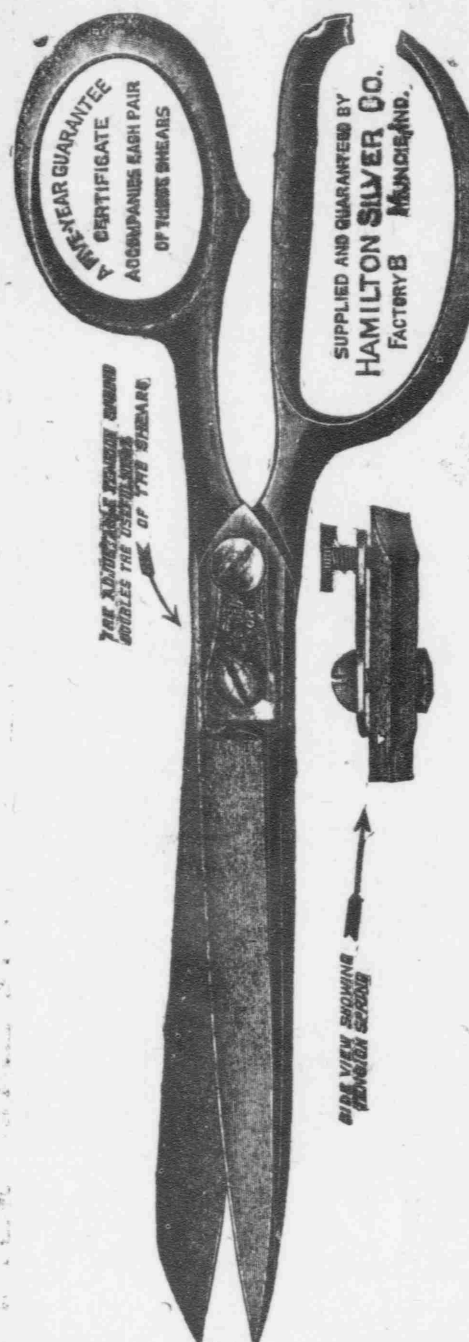
Sleeping Owner of Millions Brought Back to Earth by Stern Yet Modest Demand.

"I dreamed last night that beginning with \$100 I pyramided my bets on the stock market so that in a little while I had \$2,000,000,000," said one of the artist colony in West Sixty-seventh street yesterday. "A crowd of people came to me and besought me to cease speculating. They pointed out that I had more money than I could ever spend and if I kept on I would own all there was in the world. I replied that I wanted a billion dollars more for my own use and that I proposed with the two billion I already had to establish a great institution where all the artists and writers and sculptors might work free from pecuniary annoyances, and raise the standard of beauty in all the arts throughout the world. The last man who came to beg me to stop making money was my attorney. I turned a deaf ear to his entreaties and finally he sternly demanded of me the two dollars and a half that I had borrowed from him last week. Then I woke up."—New York Press.

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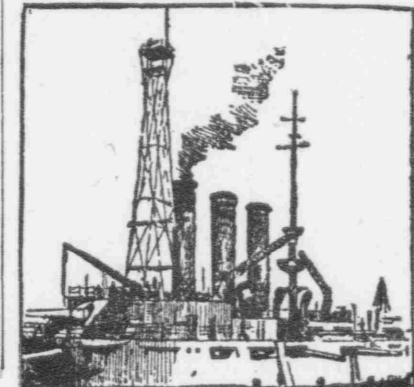
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SKELETON MILITARY MAST

Picturesque Feature of the Battleship is Being Supplanted by a Structure of Steel.

Boston.—One of the most picturesque features of the battleship is rapidly on its way to the scrap heap. The military mast, that heavy steel column of which most ships of Uncle Sam's navy carried a pair, fore and aft, which had fighting tops from the platforms of which machine guns could be used to pop away at torpedo boats or like craft, is being regarded as obsolete.

The military mast was considered not so very long ago, a formidable feature of the equipment of a battleship. Now, it is being supplanted by a skeleton mast, a stranded structure of steel sufficiently open in its inter-



New and Old Masts of the Battleship Missouri.

lacing of supports to permit of the least possible damage from the shots of the enemy.

It has been shown by experiments that this form of structure will stand the greatest amount of punishment from shots before it collapses, and so the navy department is replacing the more or less solid structures with this grapevine arrangement.

The new mast, while rising to the height of the topmast of the old style, is only about one-fifth of the weight, averaging about 7,000 pounds, as against 34,000 pounds of most masts of the old style. The height of the new masts from the water to the lookout is about 120 feet, or approximately the same as the old ones, but the "eye" of the ship is infinitely safer on the top of the new masts than it was on the top of the old wooden topmasts.

The illustration very adequately shows the masts on the battleship Missouri recently fitted at the Charlestown navy yard, the foremast being the new model and the mainmast the old.

NEGRO AT THE NORTH POLE

Matthew Henson, Peary's Valet, Proves That Black Man Can Stand Coldest Weather.

New York.—The general supposition that the negro can't stand cold weather and is a warm climate person only, is refuted in the case of Matthew Henson, Commander Robert E. Peary's personal servant. Among the interesting announcements connected with the north pole discovery was the statement that Henson was the only civilized person with Peary when the top



Matthew Henson.

of the world was discovered. Henson, in fact, says it was he who raised the stars and stripes at the "great rail" and that he taught the Eskimos to cheer when the American flag was unfurled.

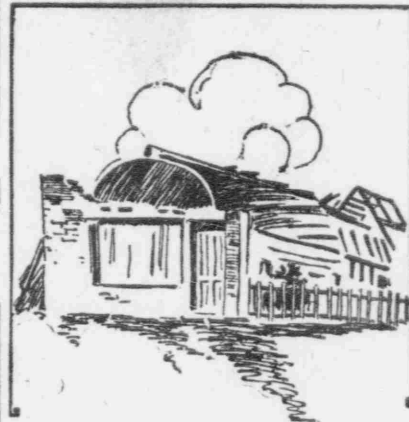
Walter Kitchener at Disadvantage. Gen. Walter Kitchener, who is stationed at Bermuda, is a brother of Lord Kitchener, and this fact has worked against him rather than for him. He is considered a clever soldier in England, and at the time of the war in South Africa it was thought that he would receive an important post that would become vacant. He was passed over and his brother, Lord Kitchener, was asked for the reason. "It should have gone to my brother," he said, "but if I had given it to him everybody would have yelled 'favoritism' at the top of their voices, so I picked someone else."

Walter Kitchener was expected at Cape Town at a railway station once when an old lady rushed in excitedly and asked at what platform Lord Kitchener was expected to arrive. No one seemed to know anything about his visit until it finally dawned upon the staff officer that she had heard of the arrival of his brother. He informed her that this was only Kitchener that was expected. "I call it a shame that this man, whoever he may be, should be allowed to use Lord Kitchener's name; the government ought to do something about it," she said, stalking majestically out of the station.

"PEGGOTTY" HUT A SAD RUIN

Yarmouth Scenes Which Dickens Described in His Story of "David Copperfield."

London.—A Yarmouth hundred of herring really counts 132, and in many ways the inhabitants of the old town are credited with an open-handed generosity. Peggotty told David Copperfield, you remember, that it was the finest place in the universe, to which the boy replied that "a mound or two might have improved it, and also that if the land had been a little more separated from the sea and the town and the tide had not been quite so much mixed up, like toast and water, it would have been much nicer." But



All that is Left of Peggotty's Hut.

presently, when he got into the streets and "smelt the fish and pitch, and oakum, and tallow, and saw the sailors walking about and the carts jingling up and down over the stones," Young Copperfield admitted that he had done Yarmouth an injustice.

The remains of Peggotty's hut may still be seen, sad and forlorn, alas! but suggestive nevertheless of the quaint home where David was so happy, of Peggotty's jokes, of little Emily's pretty ways and of the dolefulness of Mrs. Gummidge. There are many ancient buildings that have stood the test of time better than the queer boat-house of Peggotty. Formerly Yarmouth was one of the principal ports of England, and its merchant adventurers enjoyed the patronage of Queen Elizabeth. Its Tolhouse claims to be the oldest municipal building in the kingdom.

WILSON WILL GO TO MEXICO

Minister to Belgium to Succeed Ambassador Thompson in Neighboring Republic.

Washington.—Henry Lane Wilson, American minister to Belgium, will soon be officially named to succeed David E. Thompson as ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Wilson has been notified of his appointment by the state department and is clearing up his business at the legation in Brussels pending his departure for his new post. Mr. Wilson, who is a native of Crawfordville, Ind., has been in the diplomatic service since 1897, when he was appointed minister to Chile. He



Henry Lane Wilson.

became minister to Belgium in 1905. Before entering the diplomatic service Mr. Wilson was successively editor, lawyer and banker. He is a graduate of Wabash college.

Deadheads Must Be Coaxed.

Concert givers in Germany find it more and more difficult to get an audience. Free tickets by no means insure one. A Berlin journal tells how audiences at recitals (Berlin often has more than 50 of them in one week) are apt to be made up.

Miss N., who plays or sings, sends out about 200 tickets, some of them to prominent persons. One of these is the wife of Prof. X. She kindly accepts the ticket, but has no intention of attending the concert, so she gives them to her dressmaker, who in turn bestows them upon her assistants, who probably may go to the concert. In one case it was found that of 200 free tickets only 47 were used.—Musical America.

Pulsation and Respiration.

Before birth the average number of pulsations per minute is 150; in the newly born, 140 to 130; during the first year, 130 to 115; second year, 115 to 100; seventh year, 90 to 85; fourteenth year, 85 to 80; adult life, 80 to 70; old age, 70 to 60.

At birth there are 44 respirations in one minute; at five years of age, 26; from 15 to 20, 20; from 20 to 25, 18.7; from 25 to 30, 16; from 30 to 50, 18.1. The average ratio which the number of respirations bears to the number of pulsations in a given time is 1:4½.

The temperature of a healthy human adult averages from 98.4 to 98.6, but 97.5 and 99 F. are within normal.